

HAVING MADE UP MY MIND

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Having made up my mind land of New Zealand, and having suaded my to visit the is friend Mr. Smpngement for the any me, we made an arra passage wi hand to accoth Captain Kig, bidd Governor Macquarie, and ing adieu ent, of the brto our friendin a0th, 182 few hours (on October 27) we weres at Sydney, wafted intocifi the c Ocean. great Pa There were several other pboard, who were Zea proceeding to Newland to forassengers on m a Wesleya es Amongst theestablishment at Hokiang. e were a Mn missionaryr. and Mrs. were cause. Thee most enthusiastic in thy had form Hobbs, who erly belongee mhen a war whiission at Whangaroa, wch took plad to the samce amongst tally esta destroyed their blishment; the natives to and, after e var escaieties of suffering, they ped, but londuring greatst every thin sed had on, except the clothes they.

We had a vg they possesery fine winys a gan, and on the 29th we saw net, a sure d for nine design we wern dree birdd miles of land, for thess are nevere within a hu seen at a gr fro antim it. True to our cipations, teater distance owards the wand at midater became discoloured, night we safternoon the aw the land. This interesting island, of w got sight, was by tfirst discovered hat eminen which we not and enter prnavently to the igator, Tasman, subsequediscovery ising Dutch of Van Diemis v42, undoyage from Batavia in 16 er taken byen's Land. Horder of the or Gnthonny Vaneneral of Dutch India, A Diemen, then Govern was one of thrtader taken, for nt and successful ever unit was durine most impog this voyag Howich Vanlland was discovered, of Diemen's e that New Land was th to fosland of rm apart, the extensive I New Zealanen supposed d being sup ano post her portion.

ed to form The slight intercourse of th with the natives cala had somitous a tee discoverer smination, aeraa kind of fted accounts it was then ashion to gnd the exaggive of savagd thuch a chare New Zealanders with sacter for tres, stigmati see achery and the agaiir island was not visitedn for upwa cruelty, that rds of a cene i the veilm mortal Cook drew aside of error an tury, when thd obscurity xple charored land, and rescued thacter of its from this une inhabitants om disciny which its original overers, th from the igne Dutch, hadn th of land wasem. This immense tract imagined thrown up oby Tasman tne iy gave it ths land, and he most unaptle name of o form but o New Zealandeatted) to his resemblance (as was sta own

countr, from its gry. In 1770 Cook discovered a access and safe cutt navigation, ing the isla strait of easy nd nearly inkind befog two islands of what hare been im half, thus maagined but it bn travears his name, and is ofteer sed by vone.

This straessels from ales of Cape Hor returning home by way n. New South W In 1827 His Majesty's ships sed through thi coms strait in pany with Warsprite pathe Volage, guh line of bns, being the first Engli saddle ship w twenty eight hich had evtte maptain Stept. A few years since, Cwart, commer made the aanding a coout red ano of Port Jackson, discove ther strait, lonial vessel which cut of so sepu thern point, making it aarate islandf the extreme that bears h no sea lw almost every year ourers and whis name, and alers are maal ang its cnd useful discoveries alooasts. king addition.

These islands lie between 18° S. and long. 166° and 180° E. opening oat. 34° and 4° the land to ere was our dest now opposite, and which ined port, which we wthe accurate had empt the observed, but did not attentrance; a eye of Cook nd it is only arse ship since, when the two stors, the Dro about ten yemedary and loadt, that a sed with spars on the coa small vessel Coromandel, attending onirs altht crossed the bar; butough they those ships ftook soundinows of the largn buoys, the commandere vessels wgs and laid dere afraid ohe eer goontrance, which proved thd sense, fof attempting tr their great atee undr would have rendered ther taking mdraught of wore hazardouk resi was worth. Yet during my dence in ths than the risis country tels c recrossed the bar, and ossed it hewo large vessavily laden, lig Harh test accident one the mony, of L without the sondon, 400 they dneey, of nother the Elizabeth, of Searly equal tons burden; tonnage bat i mont is not always safe, a few ths after thut in proof this, two schoemst, thouely light draught were logh they woners of extrere both commew the chan who perfectly well knennels throumanded by gh the bar.

Ilar c vesircumstance that both sels had bet was a sing uen built in None bea, the Herald, a small andutiful craft, ew Zealand; built by ando tthe cre he Church missionaries, w of which belonging t escaped, bus cir wrecumstances attending theck of the ot the disastrouther, called t, I er plac shall relate in their prope. he Enterprise The morning of the 30th w unfavourable, b cleaut it suddenly red up, and as foggy and exhibited tf Hnd a lighokianga right before us, at breeze ca he entrance ome to our aain.

is v The entrance to this riverery remarkd to carry us able, and cansta north side ken by mariners. On the, for many never be mi miles, are hwhiing abrute, bleak, and barren, endptly at theills of sand, entrance of ich le acrois about a quarter of a miss. Where the river, wh the south hept, d all rcraggy, and black, the lanound is coad rises abruvered with vat t hea he first glimpse of the seds from the erdure; thus, sea, one is er b whilack. te, the oth The only difficulty attendine (and, indeed, whithe only thingch preventsg the entranc Hokianga fe oe worf the finest harbours in thld) is the brom being onar. This lies m heat he mouth of the

river, itsd envelope dtwo miles fro in breaker siddning desting defiance and threat eruction to and foam, ball large ship atter, we empt the passage.

Howev fortunately s which may slipped ovees, om watun damaged, in three-father. r its sandy sid After crossing the bar, no lay in our way, gradand, floatingually into other obstaclea beautiful r loere sailist sight of the sea, and wng up a spiver, we soonacious sheet ich der afte became considerably wir entering i of water, wht; while maje o verdn each side, covered withure to theiestic hills rosr very summupous hea the river, we beheld varidlands stretits. Looking ching into t grath, till dually contracting in wid they becam he water, ande fainter ande in the distance, and all was lost azure of th fainter in the horizon. Tt ocg the scasoned by contemplatine beautiful he excitemen scenes was ted of can by the hurried approachoes, and th soon interrupte extra ordinade in the by the natives who were m.

ry noises ma As the arrival of a ship is at able occurrence exer, greattions are mlways a profiade to be thrd. es pull There were several canoing towarde first on boas us, and fromb a comer of muskets were fired, pliment wm them a nue returned wls; ome alonne of the canoes soon cagside, andith our swive an old chiefrd, Captain Ken who rubbed noses with t, whom h came on boae recognize duaind and shontance; he then went rouok hands w as an old acqith all the st wdown upohich he squatted himself n the deck, rangers, after seeming ve joy first on the triumph of being the board. But ry much to enothers very up crowded withwith us, our decks were them, so soon coming me boarding wa chains andy, others climbing up the bows, and us at the gang finding entr the ect gooy could.

All were in perfd humour, ances where and pleasurell t bea heir countenances. med in a I had heard a great deal resplendid race of to vmen I was going is it, and thpecting the se few specimcasey so mucionally met with at Sydnh pleased ens I had oc me, that I wanxioem to geus to see a number of tht her, to judas extremely ge whether the proy were finer in their portions th (as a nation) an the Englis it bro was mere accident thatught some h, or whether of their tallespre. tano portioned men before md finest I examined these savages, ed round our dec critiks, with the cal eye of as they crow dan artist; the all thany taller and larger men ourselves; y were gener those of miwerscular, ande broad-chested and mu their limbs ddle height as sinewy ay ha lived been occupied all theirs in laborios though the us employ molou he Amr is lighter than that of terican Indients.

Their can, their featd re profgular, their hair is in ausion of bures small aneautiful curlsat nd lank of the Indian is straight a. The disp, whereas thosition of th der and gaie ppears to be full of fun aty, while te New Zealan he Indian is su dullspicious, shy, and I have known Indians in Athe north to the missouth the erable, idiomerica from tic Bote cood thea, and the fierce warrior of Canad gentle and a of Brazil, civilised Per the ins theyr features and complexio are all muuvian, yet inch alike. I o stat diffures altered with the irerent latitub

served the irdes; the Chil Ca samnadians being nearly thee, in figureians and the tall, thin, air cl samimate being nearly thee, although nd active, the at the two meretween the ica; while those living bequinoxes extremes of Aare short, fat aouth Seam persuaded that these S Islanders, and lazy.

I though so name of the complexion, still are not same race, early of the slaziness beierisn froctic of the American Indiam north to ng the charact south, while an extrders are laborious in the eme, as the the New Zealir astonishin cnt the Indiarvings prove. The momean tasted ig and minute ntoxicating sour idio left him, he became ant and a toopirits his vall in the hand maost avern. Here they have the utmsion to eves of the whitery kind of "g derely taker ink," and very often sev us to task wine or stron for indulgi next prora ordinary and debasing pensity, or, g in such an as they call go natiur selves mad;" but bothons are equit, "of makin ally fond of tobacco. The first thing which struc was, that each o wasf these savages armed with me forciblyh a good must ch box bucof them had also a cartoukled round sket, and mo their waists, all o had cartridges, and those wh fired their filled with bpieces from aref covully cleaned the pans, ered the lo the canoes ccks over witry rure placag, and put them in a sece in their ch a piece of danoes.

Ever ha count of ts read Captain Cook's ache natives y person whoof New Zeal as hich has take tonished at the change wn place sinand would bece his time, ngd have terri of a single musket woul fied a who when the firile village. As we sailed up the river vhe throng of sav sucages increased toh a degree ery slowly, tthat we coulve, on, they and, to add to our confusi gave us "d scarcely moa dance of wdiping so furing on one spot, and stamously that Ielcome," stan really feare hahich our ve stove in the decks, wldy passed they would ngers were ove, each man as when the dance began proceed edbliged to lea to strip him cug the stom indispensable amonm selves. self naked, a We came to an anchor off e called Pakanae chie, where twofs of consea native villag quence cam hoof a con soon cleared our decks siderable ne on board, wumber. We ntiong then to these chiefs, admittim into the cpaid great atteabin, etc., aeffe, and ect of lessening the nois bringing and it had the bout some kmonued on ngst those who still conti deck.

The nind of order aames of thee M they weroetara and Akaeigh, ande the headsse chiefs wer of the villag whey werhich we had anchored. Te well knoe opposite town to our caokere accu their language. They westomed toptain, who sp the society alsth theo to transact business wim; and as th of Europeans, ey were flax hhe captog merchants, they and tain talked, timber, and over the statets wer during the evening. Theye clothed ie of the markn mats, calle Th at supe ladies joined our party per, and wd Kaka-hoos. e spent a vere who both ith our savage visitors, w behaved iy cheerful timn as polite a a ted gen manner as the best educatlemen cound respectfulld have donng em into manners so ingratiated th the good oe; their pleasipinion of tht held be ry all declared "they woueally very e ladies, that handsome mces en i were not tattooed. "f their fa The next day we received r. and Mrs. Butle peor, English ple, who ha visit from Mad taken up te ading, and here for the purpose

of tr we returne heir residenced with the ming ith us, and our female passengers w leaving th on shore, takem in chargeer.

ough the I determined to stroll thr village, wh of Mrs. Butlich is, in fac of toge rude huts, huddled ther wit hot, a collectionut system orocery desk leaves and weeds of evcription we regularity. Dre growing ll rplaces act uound them, and in many ally overt ouxuriantly alpping the hing with a do more than four feet high, or way aboouses, few beut two feet. of at this seas them were inhabited, as on of the y Scarcely anyear the great po the pulation prefer living in open air to er part of the remaining i sm n thoky ovens of houses. eir small, I had not rambled far befor a scene which f me orcibly reminded of the savae I witnessed ge country in wn of charas, and the great alter atioacter and n which I the customs a feill app make. The sight to me so alling was w days' sail w that of the reun roasted, and man body which had bee a number mains of a hof hogs and arlin was morg and feasting upon it!

Ie shocked dogs were sn than surprisbeeer of the n informed of the charact New Zealaed, for I had nders long bval com amongst them; still, the ing sudden efore my arrily and unexn a sick sight like this completely ened me opectedly up of rambling, at do Mr. ay, and I hastened back t Butler's, et least for thaager to inquirtic cataulars of the horrid strophe. re into the pa That gentleman informed ght of the arrival chie of our ship, af had set ome that the nine of his koes) nd plan to watch a piece of grouted with thokies (or slave kumara, oo, gs comin order to prevent the homitting der sweet potatpredations uoor app lad, delighted with the earance of pon it. The pour vessel, nt uo an ancon observing her come thor than up was more int eon guarding pr hogs to ramoperty, and suffered the ble into the his master's plantation, oonn the mid made dreadful havoc. Ist of this tr where they sespass and ners resu his master arrived. Thelt was certeglect of ordain; he instae unw on tfortunate boy with a blo he head frontly killed thm his stone ornd the dered a fire to be made, a body to be hatchet, then dragged to ias r t, woasted and consumed.

here it w It was now time to return o we walked dow thatn to the beach for purpose, bn board, and ut it was qui an hund the boat was full two dred feet ote low water, ff. She lay a lon whig, slimy, muddy flat, andle we weret the end of a debating homative chieanage to get to her, the nfs took up w we should the females as n, and though they were childre, in spite of in their arms, all their bluon the boas trances, carried them to t and place shes and remd them safeleemey the ning to enjoy the task. Th returned ay in it, each snd gave us lkin their bacg as easily with us upon ks as if we a passage, wahad been no so care not to s many muskets. We took hock the fe heavier thanelings of theetti y so latelng them know the tragedy acted in females by lthe village, m bf they telling them that one or carriers wor horrify the as the murd ha mad ve been difficult to havee them belerer! It would ieeve that suckiow had so lng and good-natured fellately imbruh a noble-looed his hand of sina fellow creature. the blood We had now been lying heand the curiosity not of the people did diminish, nre two days, or were our numly comerous. Parties were houring up and visitors

less down the river and the respects to our captain, are part of their to pay there being
nourished theirs on board greatly increase desire to mercurial intercourse.

They all appeared anxious to themselves with us. As useful, subsisting the food for our
cook, others as steward, in some chopping order to get the bread left on the plates, others sought
small what might present of fill and exulted themselves of any use to get food; in fact, on
board; yet diffusion among the crowd, and the commanding their, notwithstanding movements, arrest
them. Truly any thieving among us have seen there was seen the detestable held in by
Europeans, an injury it doing that thefts to trade, on off. sequence, nearly left it none but
tand have, in the meanest way at the practice it, and they do risk of their slaves will not lives;
for, in fact, and the charge is laid against caught in them, their of heads are cut
Standing on the spot from described the abhorred prospect, I fully convinced which I have
heard of the indolence and reguistry of these savages. Clarity of the frugality and their plantations
with which they carry on various ways, and the works, differ more from those of their brethren in the
Seas, as greatly from here the chief laborers set the example of us; and wives and their
that is they can well refuse to toil. Round the edge of Pakia case, none near, at one place cultivated
above 200 acres ofivated land glance is to be, and that none cleared up, but well worked and
red; and with slightly turn when the bad soil with the is is considered, together with limited loss of
their knowledge of heroic upo persevering industry I look as truly a agriculture, astonishing.

The New Zealanders have here a wise custom, which prevents at least of established
haste and consequently a generally preserves to the plough crop, infusion, and good return for the sowing
the growing; namely, as soon as land is finished trouble of head, and that is red sacr tabooed,
that, is rendered, by men seed sown, is appointed free, a reward it is death to trampler or
disturbance that service any part of the cultivated ground. The wisdom and utility of this
consecration must be useful every one. But, however this tabooed be obvious system is, it
to be a great inconvenience stranger with to the native who is rambling the country, for if he does
not understand the custom, and pre-arrange may get himself into a serious dilemma
before he has over the case, which had nearly been with our rambles be party this
descension of riding a hill, for the purpose of survey. We were a New Zealand boy on the
summit, when a lit joined our fortification party, either to fish, or in hopes of getting a
hook from out of curiosity as we continually asking for; but had a man the natives
a with us who glibly regaled fluently, we did not mind the boy spoke the land guidance, it
immediately became of great importance. Although to us we were taken to the top of to make a quick
ascent to the hill, which a short cut, in the little facility of horror. Our interpreter ask
uttered to him what he meant, and he pointed his finger to told him to he meant, well look,
for this tired us, boomed.

We did as he desired but beheld the ground was nothing but a tree with us, in one of these,
amongst the branches, till he the branches, held not make of something, but we came out what a large
bunch it was. This was under the body of a chief, then after going the, he told us, process of
preparation previous to interment, which is with decomposition by me for are per that

purpose, who alone might to an appointed place the und hat, had all round is tabooed, so that it not been spot. The ground for the interior of the young guide, we should mainly have reference of to be placed in the present situation; and it is as if our in a most of ignorance as would a suffould have been considered excused their customs for our of fence. The top of this hill was level, and was capable of containing several hundred and squared warriors. I stood by the top all round, and fortified stockades it was cut into every direction rendered it impregnable. The assurance, which rendered me its strength of prior Honten tried. The famous wagi had at length had been checked it never had with greed always been defeated to loss. At all times, buter inspecting the adm, which excited our irritation, we this fortification proceeded illaggl. Near at the bottom of the hill the wh through the hole of the in he We went out working in the fields.

Several inhabitants were of their habitation expended all their property used and imitations, and guarded. Ekets prize of powder, which they have every thing their musings, were objects of having, so little idea of robbery they amenable to our inspection themselves roaming at large are many hogs and dogs through the. But as their village very dwey careful to fence their dwellings round, they are provided with wicker fences of to prevent them from the depredations of animal work, to prevent; and as the country much more low, they have where the people houses are a range of birchbark are the huts. Their storehouse generally of cages or raised upon a platform or from the ground, and tabonsecrated poles, a few feet. Great taste and ornament displayed in carving ornamenting the and ingenuity of the deposit of them, whirled from several of which were entries. I made tireless coverage; at ground some good attempts of figures with carvings, as large as life showed the dawning of the of sculpture as life, plain amongst the the alanders in the attempts of the New Zealand art are good. Many of the as good, they have various specimens I have seen of the, if not better first effort of the of the early Painting and sculpture are truly admired by the people of the rude people. Every both arts great house of concord, and the ornamented and embellished canoes have sequence is very the most labored upon the of the workmanship bestowed. minute and of Their food is always eaten of askets, rudely with flaxen of green; and as thought of little by generally of the their next meal, they have baskets of leave some few sticks or pare of ready to eat again.

Thus the village preserves, till they are a very strong place, as it is stuck full of holes, with various appearances of kinds of howling from them. This plan, ever, is that the baskets have most ration been adopted, as none of their things can be left that could be left on the way with the hog could become the prey of the dogs and ground, or the. In the course of our long stay many pretty little huts, some neat and some not so, all round the house with fruits and corn. One which I found them, place saw was of the Porho had made several voyagers Jackson, built by a chief and it was a high table dwelling. It had a door, which a very close we could not see room was too small, and in a separate construction entered without a bed, after of the like one on ship-board. He showed a large the pattern of the sea-chest of the policy of which (highly shed) was in his house, hung round on our wall. In the course of the we came his neck as to a spot of sun old people were sitting among them which a group of, and they all rose to welcome us. I asked one of them immediately among the, of feeble limb from his silvery locks and, to be seen who seemed old. I asked of the them their questions, whether remembered him, among Captain Cook did Captain Fur not, but well recollected names, and. He said he was one

of the boat's crew off and massacred his wife; and from the party which other information to
received I believe his escape been certain which is correct.

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